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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/572,345	Applicant(s) BRUNET ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20,21,23-32,34-38 and 40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20,21,23-32,34-38 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

All references to the capitalized versions of “Applicants” refer specifically to the Applicants of record. Any references to lower case versions of “applicant” or “applicants” refer to any or all patent “applicants”. Unless expressly noted otherwise, references to “Examiner” refers to the Examiner of record while reference to or use of the lower case version of “examiner” or “examiners” refers to examiner(s) generally.

This paper is given Paper No. 20100623 by the Examiner. This Paper No. is for reference purposes only.

Status of Claims

Claims 20, 21, 23-32, 34-40 are currently pending and have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 20, 21, 23-32, 34-38 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2004/0039651 A1 (Grunzig et al.; hereinafter “Grunzig”).

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Grunzig discloses a method for carrying out an electronic transaction, having the following steps:

performing a data interchange is between a first network subscriber node and a second network subscriber node with a first terminal at the first network subscriber node via a first communication network for stipulating transaction data for the transaction;

inputting an identification number for a second terminal at the first network subscriber node in a second communication network, different than the first, into the first terminal at the first network subscriber node by the first network subscriber node;

transmitting the identification number and the transaction data from the first network subscriber node to a third network subscriber node via a third communication network;

verifying the validity of the identification number by the third network subscriber node, and identifying an associated service provider node from a plurality of service provider nodes registered with the third network subscriber node using the identification number;

transmitting the verified identification number and the transaction data from the third network subscriber node to the associated service provider node via a fourth communication network;

transmitting a credit stipulated by the transaction data is reserved at the associated service provider node for the second network subscriber node by debiting an account at the first network subscriber node, which account is managed at the associated service provider node for the identification number, and

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confirming the reserved credit by the associated provider node to the third network subscriber node via the fourth communication network;

generating a transaction number and transmitting the transaction number from the third network subscriber node to the second terminal at the first network subscriber node via the second communication network;

inputting the transmitted transaction number into the first terminal at the first network subscriber node and the input transaction number is transmitted to the third network subscriber node via the third communication network;

verifying the transmitted transaction number by the third network subscriber node by comparing it with the transaction number generated previously by the third network subscriber node; and

confirming the credit reserved by the associated service provider node by the third network subscriber node to the second network subscriber node via the third communication network;

posting the reserved credit to the second network subscriber node via the associated service provider node;

(see at least Abstract, paragraphs 0001, 0002, 0008, 0010, 0012, 0015 - 0024, 0026 - 0045).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NANCY LOAN T. LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-7066. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9am - 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDREW J. FISCHER can be reached on (571) 272-6779.

For official/regular communication, the fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

For informal/draft communication, the fax number is (571) 273-7066 (Rightfax).

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